

CLAIM LISTING

54. An apparatus for receiving electronic mail from a computer network on a Class 1, 2 or 3 facsimile machine, said apparatus comprising:

a network connection device for establishing a connection with said computer network;

a receiving device coupled to said network connection device for receiving said electronic mail from said computer network;

an electronic mail agent coupled to said receiving device, said electronic mail agent includes a converting device for converting said electronic mail received by said receiving device to facsimile data compatible for reception by said facsimile machine; and

a self contained facsimile data transmitter which generates a dial tone for said facsimile machine, wherein said facsimile data transmitter is adapted to be connected to said facsimile machine for transmitting said converted electronic mail as facsimile data to said facsimile machine.